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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: CASC, UR  
SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF HOTEL ROSSIYA FIRE

REF: MOSCOW 2666

1. CONSOFF VISITED HOTEL ROSSIYA MARCH 30 TO RECOVER SUITCASE OF  
AMCIT, WHICH HAD BEEN ABANDONED IN THE CONFUSION FOLLOWING FIRE ON  
FEBRUARY 25. HOTEL ADMINISTRATOR HAD CALLED IN RESPONSE TO AN  
EMBASSY INQUIRY AND REQUESTED THAT CONSOFF PICK UP SUITCASE AT  
HOTEL. THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE IN ACCOUNTING  
FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE SUITCASE AND IN TURNING IT OVER TO  
CONSOFF, WHO HAD NO DOCUMENT EQUIVALENT TO A POWER OF ATTORNEY.  
SUITCASE WAS STORED WITH APPROXIMATELY 10 OTHER SUITCASES, ALONG  
WITH COATS AND ASSORTED BOXES. IT HAD BEEN TAGGED WITH OWNER'S NAME  
AND ROOM NUMBER.

2. ENROUTE TO THE STORAGE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF NORTH WING  
CONSOFF WAS LED THROUGH A MAZE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK. STRUCTURE IS  
BEING COMPLETELY OVERHAULED. CEILINGS ARE OPEN MESH WIRE WHERE  
WIRES ARE BEING STRUNG, NEW CASEMENTS AND DOORS (WOODEN) ARE BEING  
INSTALLED, NEW BRICK WORK HAD BEEN LAID AT ENDS OF HALLS, AND  
FLOORING AT PRESENT IS CONCRETE SLAB. HUNDREDS OF LABORERS WERE  
WORKING ON ALL ASPECTS OF RECONSTRUCTION. ONE SECTION OF HALL HAD  
BEEN COMPLETED EXCEPT FOR CARPETING. HOTEL ADMINISTRATOR STATED  
THAT THEY HOPED THAT WING WOULD BE REOPENED IN MAY. WHEN ASKED HOW  
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MANY HAD PERISHED IN THE FIRE, SHE WOULD ONLY SAY THAT FIVE FOREIGNERS  
HAD DIED AS RESULT OF FIRE.

3. HOTEL IS STILL CLOSED TO ALL EXCEPT HOTEL GUESTS AND OFFICIAL  
VISITORS WHO HAVE SOME SORT OF PASS. MANY MILITIA ARE STILL  
STATIONED AROUND OUTSIDE WALL, APPARENTLY TO PREVENT PICTURE-

TAKING AND TO KEEP UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OUT.

4. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ONLY THIS ONE REQUEST TO LOCATE LOST  
BAGGAGE, WHICH REINFORCES EARLIER BELIEF THAT THERE WAS NO SUBSTAN-  
TIAL LOSS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS BY AMCITS. TOON

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